

Amendment and Response

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The following remarks are made in response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed June 5, 2006. Claims 1-16 and 22 have been allowed. Claims 17 and 19-21 were rejected. With this Response, claim 17 has been amended. Claims 1-17 and 19-21 remain pending in the application and are presented for reconsideration and allowance.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 101

The Examiner rejected claims 17 and 19-21 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Specifically, the Examiner asserts that there is no useful, concrete, and tangible result produced by the method of claim 17.

With this response, application has amended claim 17 to further clarify that the invention is useful and statutory. More specifically, claim 17 includes *identifying a temperature range* for the semiconductor device on the basis of the first and second latched comparison results. Such identification is conveying the result of the method as suggested by the Examiner, thereby confirming that the claimed method produces a usefully, concrete, and tangible result. Consequently, claim 17 and claims 19-21 that depend from it, are now believed to be in condition for allowance, and removal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101 is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-16 and 22 are allowed.

The Examiner objected to claims 17 and 19-21 but would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the 35 U.S.C. § 101 rejection. Consequently, they are now in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 1-17 and 19-21 are in form for allowance and are not taught or suggested by the cited references. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of claims 1-17 and 19-21 are respectfully requested.

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